engaging the attention of the Government of India and the Intermediate Ports Committee.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—With reference to answer (*a*), may I know whether that expenditure would make it an all-weather port and if so, on account of the increase in the export almost by 500 per cent in the last three years, would the Government of this State take steps to see that this expenditure of Rs. 31½ lakhs is advanced by a year and the work started soon?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Today, we are handling about 1,32,000 tons of cargo in that Port. We are anxious to provide all facilities. Now we are waiting for the Report. We will spend about Rs. 30 lakhs and odd to improve the wharf and other things there which are not included. It will not be a waste if it is converted into an all-weather port or a major port.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether they would advance this work by one year and start it in 1960-61?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It would not be possible because it is not provided for. It has to be started in the Third Five-Year Plan.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know whether the State Government and the Government of India have done any work in the First and Second Five-Year Plans for the development of this Port or any other Port in the West coast?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—All that was necessary has been done to some extent.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—What is it that you have done?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—With regard to other ports, I am not able to tell you to day.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that this Government was pressing to take the major ports. Is it not a fact that different sections are influencing the Central Government to take different ports and therefore this is delayed?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I do not know what the different sections are doing. They have not come to me. I do not know what cross-sections and cross-currents exist.

Sri S. D. GAONKAR.—Is it not a fact that the major portion of Mysore State forms the hinterland to this Karwar Port?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Yes.

Conversion of Jayachamarajendra Combined Hospital at Arsikere into a General Hospital.

*Q.—339. **Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA** (Arsikere).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have received representation from the public of Arsikere requesting them to take complete control of the Jayachamarajendra Combined Hospital at Arsikere and to convert it into a general hospital ;

(*b*) the action taken by Government thereon?

A.—**Sri K. K. HEGDE** (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is being examined.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—May I know when this representation was received by the Government, Sir?

†**Sri K. K. HEGDE.**—October 1959.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—May I know from Government the procedure and principles to be followed for converting this combined hospital into a general hospital at Arsikere?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—The first thing is the need for such conversion ; next we will have to get the consent of the local bodies and their concurrence regarding their share of the contribution towards the maintenance and non-recurring expenditure as well.

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Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Rotary Club of Arsikere has come forward to donate a sum of Rs. 30,000 towards the establishment of an X-Ray plant in that combined hospital?